



Angelus: A call to pray

October 2023

1. Pray for our Pastors who carry an incredible weight that many of us will never truly understand. They need our prayers, our commitment, and our support. Pray for them and their families during your prayer time this month. *Psalm 47, Psalm 128*
2. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Jennifer Weaver as she prepares to serve in Marseilles, France. Pray for her Mission Support Team to get off to a good start while getting to know each other and training for their roles.
3. Give thanks for all the administrative assistants, maintenance, custodial and food service staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they continue to spend many hours working to provide a safe environment for all students, faculty and staff.
4. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Peter and Christy* as they serve in Chad. Pray for wisdom for Peter as he teaches and dialogues with others regarding peacemaking. Pray for strength for Christy as she works at the hospital and provides education in community health services. Lift up the children in school and in their relationships.
5. Pray for the board, team, and residents of Welsh Mountain Home as they live "Serving and Growing, Together." In 2024, the organization will celebrate 100 years of providing lodging for persons benefiting from personal care accommodations who do not have many resources. Welsh Mountain Home is an affiliate of Landis Communities.
6. Please praise the Lord for the celebration of Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community as they are celebrating this week of their 300 anniversary. Pray for them and for the many events planned for this celebration.
7. Today is the Homecoming and Fall Festival at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.
8. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for strength and refreshment for Clara and Vince* in the midst of weariness as they serve in South Asia. Pray for wisdom to know how to balance ministry and home life. Praise the Lord for the new families being added to the church. Ask God to increase their numbers.
9. The Evangelical University of Chad requests prayer for financial hardship caused by 2022 flooding.
10. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they continue to learn the Russian language in order to minister to Ukrainian refugees in Romania. Pray for them as they listen to, cry with, pray for, and offer God's hope and comfort to those in the midst of a difficult situation.
11. Please lift in your prayers the Credential Commission as they will be meeting today.
12. Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place today and tomorrow at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.
13. Please pray for EMM and the staff as they will be having their banquet at the 450HUB. Pray for the word spoken will be planted in a fertile soil.
14. Pray for the STEP program as the students and instructors will be meeting today.
15. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Paula* as she serves in Spain. Pray for encouragement and strength as she provides preemptive resilience support for those working to build peace in difficult areas.
16. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Michael and Nancy Hostetter as they continue to be a resource in helping train and develop house churches and networks in Chile. Ask God for wisdom as they give leadership to the developing ministries on Tenglo Island.
17. Pray with Eastern Mennonite for Andres & Angelica* as they serve in North Africa. Pray for them as they plan

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- and host the European worker retreat October 19–24 in their city. Immediately following the retreat will be two days of vision casting for their region. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading.
18. Pray for Christy Sensenig to have good relationships and teamwork with the other midwives at the hospital in Chad.
 19. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Michael and Ruthy Hershey as they serve with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team, encouraging the team to grow in prayer.
 20. Please pray for the LMC Bishop Board as they will be meeting today.
 21. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Michael and Laura* as they serve in the Middle East. Pray for them as they work at growing new and existing house churches throughout the land by discipling, coaching, and mentoring pastors and co-leaders.
 22. November 22 to the 26; the Christian Muslim dialogue will be meeting in Paris with Religious minorities. France faces many challenges and the Anabaptists and Sufi Muslims will meet to share and learn from each other. Pray that Jonathan Bornman will be a good representative of Jesus in those meetings.
 23. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Alexander and Maria* as they serve in Central Asia. Pray for Alexander as he walks alongside local businessmen and for Maria as she teaches in their sons' school. Pray for the boys in their friendships and as they grow in their faith as they approach young adulthood.
 24. Pray for protection and good health for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as well as their families.
 25. Pray for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism served by Friendship Community who are aging and who may need additional medical care. Pray for resources to meet their needs and wisdom in planning for the next level of care for these individuals.
 26. Pray for Mennonite Life as they prepare for different presentations and activities to share with different churches about the Mennonite Life from yesterday and the present. Pray for the director and all the staff for wisdom and creativity to fulfill these events.
 27. November. 27 to the 30; Jonathan Bornman will be Visiting Andres Prince in Morocco to learn about the context where they serve.
 28. Pray for Mennonite Central Committee staff and partners working with churches, communities, and policymakers globally and in the U.S. to address effects and causes of climate change.
 29. Pray that Friendship Community can be a model of efficiency, quality, creativity and integrity in demanding and changing times. Pray that above all else, God be glorified and honored through the ministry of Friendship Community.
 30. Praise the Lord with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Binsa* that youth ministry is taking place on Saturday afternoons. Pray for the relationships that have developed as Binsa has gardened with on-believers over the summer. Pray that God will use the conversations to point people to him.
 31. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Nate and Krystle Thorne as they prepare to serve in The Gambia. Praise the Lord with Krystle that her exploratory trip helped to bring clarity and they continue to plan to move to The Gambia. Pray for the remainder of the funds to be raised that are needed for their assignment. Pray even now for the "people of peace" that Nate and Krystle will encounter when they move.

"But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us with our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans..." Romans 8:25-27

**Name(s) changed or the last name(s) omitted for sensitivity reasons.*